of Economic Affairs). Keeping the order book position of BHEL in view, a decision was taken in 1989 by the Department of Economic Affairs not to pose any new power projects for bilateral external assistance, even though for some of them like Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund of Japan, BHEL is eligible to participate in the bid and had obtained orders in he past. In the case of multilaterally assisted power projects, BHEL gets orders on the basis of its international competitiveness.

[*Translation*]

Encouragement to Food Processing Industries

1867. SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the Government of Uttar Pradesh to set up food processing industries in the State:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the proposal is likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[*English*]

Claim for Sharing in Yamuna Water by Punjab

1868. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Punjab had staked the claim to a share in Yamuna waters on the eve of recent elections;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According o Punjab, at the time of reorganisation, Haryana was utilising 2.64 Maf of Yamuna waters out of the share of 5.10 Maf for the erstwhile Punjab, thereby leaving a surplus of 2.46 Maf. Punjab has now staked its claim to 60% of this surplus.

(c) The reference from Punjab needs examination from a legal angle with reference to the Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966.

Stenographic Assistance

1869. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether instructions issued by the Ministry of Personnel in respect of stenographic assistsnce to Officers in Subordinate Offices have not been implemented by the Ministry of Communications, Department of Telecommunication;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken /proposed to be implemented?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir, these instructions are yet to be implemented.

(b) and (c). A detailed exercise has